

Applicants respectfully request that, upon the allowance of elected subject matter, the non-elected claims be rejoined.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Schiller et al. in view of Sattlegger.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Eck et al. in view of Sattlegger et al.

The Examiner has, however, indicated that claim 4 is allowable over the art because the art fails to suggest the use of the phosphorus compound containing both the R³ group as defined and 1) either an OH group or 2) either a triorganosilyl or diorganoalkoxysilyl radical. Specifically, the Examiner mentions that it would require picking and choosing from the teachings of Schiller et al. to arrive at such a phosphorus compound.

In a determined effort to advance the prosecution of this case, and following the lead of the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have now amended claim 1 to limit the definition of the phosphorus compound in the same sense as the limitations of claim 4. Thus, although the R³ groups are somewhat broader than in claim 4, the present limitation of the R³ group combinations would require the same picking and choosing from the teachings of the art as is the case in claim 4.

Applicants therefore believe that the claims, as presently amended, are now allowable for the same reasons that claim 4 is allowable.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 8-10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Schller et al. in view of Sattlegger and the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 8-10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Eck et al. in view of Sattlegger et al. should now be withdrawn.

In view of the present amendments and remarks it is believed that claims 1-4, 6 and 8-13 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this amendment is required, applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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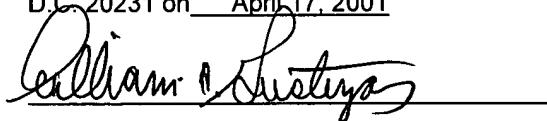
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MARKED-UP COPIES OF AMENDED CLAIMS
SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSIONS

Claim 1 (twice amended). Polysiloxane compositions which cross-link by condensation and which [consist essentially of] comprise:

a) at least one cross-linkable polysiloxane[, that contains] comprising as a reactive terminal group at least one of the following groups:

-O-SiR¹₂OH,

-O-SiR¹(OR²)₂, or

-O-Si(OR²)₃,

wherein

R¹ denotes optionally substituted C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₆-C₁₄-aryl or C₂-C₈-alkenyl groups, and

R² denotes optionally substituted linear or branched C₁-C₈-alkyl or C₂-C₈-alkoxyalkyl groups, and R¹ and R² can be the same or different within

the molecule,

- b) at least one basic filler and optionally other fillers,
- c) at least one phosphorus compound selected from the group consisting of
 - i) orthophosphoric acid esters of the following formula:



in which

n denotes [=] 0, 1 or 2, and

R³ denotes [=] an optionally substituted linear or branched C₁-C₃₀-alkyl, C₁-C₃₀-acyl, C₂-C₃₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₃₀-alkoxyalkyl, C₅-C₁₄-cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀-aryl group or a triorganosilyl or diorganoalkoxysilyl group, and each R³ [which] can be the same or different within the molecule,

wherein when n denotes 1 or 2, at least one of the substituents R³ is an optionally substituted linear or branched C₁-C₃₀-alkyl, C₁-C₃₀-acyl, C₂-C₃₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₃₀-alkoxyalkyl, C₅-C₁₄-cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀-aryl group,

and wherein when n denotes [=] O, at least one of the substituents R³ is a triorganosilyl or diorganoalkoxysilyl radical,

and ii) esters of polyphosphoric acid,

- d) at least one alkoxy silane cross-linking agent selected from the group consisting of tetraethoxysilane, tetra-n-propoxysilane, methyltriethoxysilane, methyltrimethoxysilane, methyltri(2-methoxyethoxy)silane, vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinyltriethoxysilane and partial hydrolyzates thereof,
- e) at least one organometallic compound selected from the group consisting of organic titanium compounds and organic tin compounds and
- f) optionally other auxiliary substances selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, bonding agents, pigments and fungicides.